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PIANIST CLAIRE HUANGCI APPEARS WITH MARINA DEL REY SUMMER SYMPHONY JULY 22

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF. – June 28, 2010 - Twenty-year-old Claire Huangci will perform Serge Prokofiev's Concerto no. 3 in C major with Maestro Frank Fetta and the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 pm waterside in Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. Rich Capparela, popular KUSC-FM personality, is host. The concert is presented free to the public.

Critics have said that the young pianist is "destined already to become one of this century's major talents." She has been awarded a number of scholarships and awards, including First Prize in the 2006 Kosciuszko Chopin International Piano Competition, the Philadelphia Orchestra Competition, and this year's first prize at the National Chopin Competition of the United States. She has appeared with symphony orchestras throughout Europe and the United States. She is the youngest pianist on Yamaha's roster of artists.

The orchestra will be heard in Serge Prokofiev's "The Montagues and the Capulets" from Suite no. 2 of "Romeo and Juliet," and Sergei Rachmaninoff's mighty Second Symphony in Eminor.

Sponsors of the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts are Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the Ritz Carlton Marina del Rey. Media sponsor is KUSC FM 91.5.

The new Hornblower Café in the Park is open for sunset dining on concert nights, offering a varied selection of food and beverages. Chairs are available for rent at the concert site or in advance by calling Hornblower Café at 310-823-8400. The WaterBus, operating from seven locations in the Marina, serves concert-goers exclusively on Classical Thursdays from 5 pm to midnight. On Pop Saturdays the WaterBus operates from 11 am to midnight. \$1.00 per person, each way. The Beach Shuttle provides free land shuttle service directly to and from Chace Park on concert nights.

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